

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing January 28, 2003, as Catholic Charities Day at the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Without regard to race, religion, or socio-economic status, Catholic Charities agencies throughout the state provide culturally sensitive social services as they strive to make an enduring difference in people's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, There are Catholic Charities agencies in 13 of the 15 dioceses in Texas; they are guided by dedicated staff members and thousands of volunteers; the charities serve approximately 325,000 clients and spend over \$48 million a year on programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, These are people of faith serving people in need; as advocates for social justice, they empower the community through action and education and inspire people of goodwill to work to promote charity and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Catholic Charities provides many programs and services to the citizens of this state; the agencies take care of such basic needs as food, clothing, housing, and medical assistance and provide counseling and education and adoption and immigration services; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting that the legislature honor these charitable agencies and the people who give of their time and energy to reduce poverty, support families, and empower communities, all to the betterment of this state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize January 28, 2003, as Catholic Charities Day at the Legislature and gratefully acknowledge the benevolent contributions people in these organizations make to the citizens of this state; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to honor the Catholic Charities agencies of Texas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate